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~~Wilton~~

Gregg Mitchell:

Assumption

Truth can be "suppressed" by incomplete disclosure -  
spin control. Franklin: "Half the truth can be a  
great lie."

"6 hours ago, a single American plane dropped a single  
bomb on Hiroshima, an important Japanese Army base."  
There was an Army base, but bomb was aimed at center of (civilian) town.  
Important that Bomb be seen simultaneously as a symbol of  
American military domination -

Apparently only Rabinowitz considered releasing the  
fact of the Bomb; "soon after" release of PP, ER wrote a letter  
to NYT praising what I had done

DB

The use of the "narrative" had more to do with the  
decision to build and "use" more bombs, not about  
use in WWII. The American people would probably  
have been grateful for the Bomb anyway, since the war ended soon  
after.

George Heller - first reporter to reach Nagasaki - his  
chilling account was suppressed by censorship officer.







Kipton: (Conant, the Educator, suppressing info and  
distorting history.]

RL: hist was projected into an "atrocity-producing situation";  
a situation such as to engage an average person  
in slaughter — still, a responsibility, to decide...

Howes expanded his charter to produce Bombs in  
the shortest possible time, to win the war, and improve  
postwar (US-SU) relations.

Howes was the only contact between the scientists  
and the decision-makers, <sup>to</sup> whom he was the  
only spokesman for the Scientists.

Hst + FDR were in a conspiracy of silence about the  
imminence of FDR's death — obvious for a year earlier.

Stimson never gave up his determination to use the Bombs.

[LIE?  
DENIAL?]

Stimson hated area bombing —

He deceived himself about (what they were doing — paper.)



McB B said: "I know hated city bombing. He ~~thought~~  
he had forbidden it

RL thinks ~~Strom~~ & ~~Jensen~~ convinced each other — a  
false & deep — that they were not ~~the~~ targetting  
civilians, ~~so that it was~~ A-bomb was not aimed at  
civilians! See

[ RL: hst was afraid, publicly, to be seen as  
departing from UCS.

My Lp:

MS to me: After getting word of Trinity, hst asked  
Marshall, "Do we still want Russians to come in?" ~~My Lp~~  
Marshall: "We can't stop them. If they want to come in, they'll come in. If they don't..."

Decision for hst was prefigured but not preordained.

to?

Oppie: "I know was no doubt that we were all  
hideously uncomfortable to be associated with such slaughter."

hst to



"Models" -

- Seeing, Suppression, Cover-up

- Numbing, Hardening - to issues of genocide

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"Would FDR have dropped the Bomb?

Would divide? [Skinner!] [Grant!] UCS

"No"

Walter Reisch? "I always think of him as Jewish -  
always depressed, (guilt?)



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Hiroshima

- Why ~~work~~ work to replace the myths of August,  
against defenders, and make Americans feel bad?

- To prevent more Hiroshimas

American myths are a serious <sup>drag</sup> obstacle to  
reducing the (growing) risks of more Hiroshimas.

- American believe: <sup>(1)</sup> The only way to "use" nuclear  
weapons - US - did so only in response to clearly  
overwhelming incentives, legitimately, <sup>(2)</sup> in ways that  
validate our trust in our leaders and our delegation  
of responsibility / decision-making / info-gathering and use  
to our leaders

(b) there is no experience (from WWII to now)  
that supports fear that leaders "like ours" might  
"use" nukes in ways that we would not endorse,  
circumstances that do not legitimize the use...

(c) There was an actual occasion in which  
Bomb was necessary + legitimate - this could be  
again ["What happened was <sup>is</sup> possible"]

- in any case, it applies to actual Hiro. decision-making  
and to later threats, and crises

(To re-evaluate Hiroshima is not to prove that  
Bomb could never be legit, "necessary," useful,  
moral, legal

- but (MBG)

OR EVEN  
CONSIDER  
THEM

MISS IN  
"PTY BLUE")



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Ambiguities for me: How to respond to  
assumptions about me:

- assumption I am a Jew  
or "Are you a Jew?"
- "Dr. Ellsberg" - DOD

(to Sig: For one to identify with (or show  
great interest in) Jewish religion, is to  
regret/repudiate by parents - this choice,  
this chosen identity, for the rest of life - to be ashamed  
of this (not of being Jewish: by parents felt  
themselves, + me, to be Jewish:

Jewish Christians - respected by no one  
who is not one - to respect themselves.



If Hiroshi uses "necessary"/legitimate,  
the possession is justified/legitimate  
for all nations.

If there has been a good-enough  
reason to use a nuclear weapon, then  
we should be open to banning nuclear, as  
the case for doing so is greatly strengthened.



(in Santa Barbara:  
Krieger Conf.?)

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Peggy Revlon (sp.?)

Gender dimension; much of men ✓  
(esp. adolescent males: 25% of pop. in (M.E.?)  
50% under 16)

Male socialization and misogyny

system of misogyny in Islam, extremist Muslims  
have apartheid in Afghanistan

differs for T movement, effective articulation of  
(non-gender) grievances with most extreme ideology of  
subordination of women.